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Memo

To: All Interested Parties

From: Dennis R. Ruth, Chairman

Date: October 27, 2004

Re: Redistribution of Cases

This memo is to clear up any confusion some parties may have regarding the case redistribution due to both the 3-month continuance cycle being changed to a 2-month cycle and the addition of arbitrators.

You should be aware that to create a 2-month continuance cycle, the cases appearing on the November status calls will be divided in half: one-half of the cases will be continued to January and the other half will be continued to February. However, for reasons related to the computer system, the actual redistribution of cases cannot happen until the November calls are completed. This means that at the status calls, the parties will only be told that the cases will have either one of two continuance dates—the January or the February return-to-call date, as indicated by the 2005 calendars, though you will not be told an exact month for each case. After the November calls are completed and the MIS department redistributes the cases, corrected notices will be sent on all cases that appeared in November advising the parties of the new status call date. Beginning with the December trial cycle (which begins with Arbitrator Hagan's status call on November 22), all cases will then be continued for 2 months.

For cases pending in Joliet, Geneva, Rockford, and Wheaton, corrected notices will be sent informing the parties as to which arbitrator your case is assigned to at those calls. Corrected notices are also being sent on those Chicago cases that are being reassigned to create dockets for Arbitrators Black, DeVriendt, and Jutila. By early December, all cases will have been reassigned and notices will have been sent on all open cases.

While the next couple of months may be somewhat hectic, everything will be straightened out by the end of the year with all parties being provided increased opportunities to try their cases.